



Town of Marilla



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Dear Residents,

December, 2006

SANITATION DEPARTMENT HOLIDAYS

Enclosed is a list of holidays that the Sanitation Dept. will be observing in 2007. If a holiday falls on a Monday, all weekly pick-ups will be delayed by one day. When a holiday falls later in the week – Example: Thanksgiving Day, which falls on a Thursday, will affect only those who have a Thursday pick-up; all others will follow normal schedule, etc. **PLEASE SAVE YOUR CARD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.** Reminder: The safety of our Sanitation Workers is important; therefore **no container or item will be picked up weighing over 50 lbs. The use of hydraulically lifted trash containers will no longer be permitted for use in garbage or recycling container.**

Garbage pick-up
will only be
delayed for
holidays listed on
the Holiday Card

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

On **Monday, January 8th** Christmas tree pickup will begin. The Town Highway Dept. will begin collection if the trees are at the **roadside by 7:00 a.m.** All decorations and any plastic wrappings used to carry them outside must be removed. If you prefer, you may bring them to the Recycling Center on Eastwood Rd. during normal hours of operation.

RECYCLING CENTER

Just a reminder that the hours of operation at the Recycling Center on Eastwood Rd. are every **Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.** and the **second and last Saturday** of the month from **9:00 a.m.** until **3:00 p.m.** We are accepting additional recycling items at the center. The new bins will be as follows: cardboard, tin cans, mixed papers and plastics, these items will not be picked up at the curb, they are recycled only when brought to the facility on Eastwood Rd. by residents. The Sanitation Department will only continue to pick up daily garbage, glass and newspaper (tied in bundles or in paper bags). Items acceptable at the Center are: motor oil,

metals, newspapers (all newspaper must be tied in bundles or in paper bags or it cannot be recycled), glass (all metal rings, caps, etc. must be removed by residents), plastic, cardboard, tin cans, mixed papers and yard waste ie: grass, leaves and brush. New stickers for the Center will be available in the Town Clerk's Office after the first of the year upon proof of registration.

DOG CONTROL

Residents needing assistance from the Dog Warden should call the following cell phone number:

863-5816 – from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and on call on weekends.

RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE

RTS is a non-profit transportation service for eligible residents who reside in the service area. Trips are for shopping, human services and employment with highest priority given for medical and health services. A wheelchair lift-equipped van and toddler seats are available. **You may be eligible for Rural Transit** if you reside in the Town of Marilla and your annual income is within the HUD guidelines. You can call 549-5098 for more information on the income limits. You are eligible if you are 62 and older or disabled. You may be eligible if you don't have available transportation and cannot access existing bus routes and have no other way of getting around. An application will be completed with you when you wish to start service. The hours the van will run are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Dispatch should be called 48 hours in advance and up to two weeks in advance for medical appointments. Individuals may schedule up to two rides per week. For more information Please call **652-2527**.

MARILLA FREE LIBRARY

Thanks to the town for assuring that the Marilla Free Library will remain open for 35 hours a week. This is the minimum hours needed to meet our charter mandate, which we obtained in 1921. However, the hours of

operation will change beginning January 1. These hours will be: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Library offers an abundance of resources and services including free access to the internet along with usb device support and programs for children. For more information please call 652-7449.

STAR PROGRAM

Property owners (**including mobile home owners**) that are 65 years or older prior to December 31, 2007 and had an annual adjusted gross income under \$67,850 for the 2005 tax year, may qualify for the **Enhanced Star Exemption** on their primary residence. If you have received the **Enhanced STAR exemption** in 2006, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail that must be filed by **May 1st, 2007**.

Also, recent legislation offers an income verification program for future Enhanced STAR renewals starting in 2004. Please contact the Assessor's Office for further explanation.

If you recently purchased a home (including a mobile home) as a primary residence in the Town of Marilla, you qualify for the Basic STAR Exemption. **Property owners that received the Basic STAR exemption last year and are under 65, do not need to renew their application.**

First time applicants must apply prior to **May 1, 2007**. Applications are available in the Assessor's Office and the Town Clerk's Office. Please contact the Assessors at 652-5497, Tuesday evenings between 7:00-9:00 p.m. with any questions you may have.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

Property owners that are 65 years or older prior to December 31, 2007 and had an annual gross income in 2006 of \$32,400 or less may qualify for this exemption. Please contact the Assessors Office Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at 652-5497 for more information.

ATTENTION VETERANS!

The Marilla Veterans Club are looking for a few good men or women to join our club. We meet every third

Thursday of the month, except July and August at the Marilla Grill at 8:00 pm. Bring a copy of your DD-214 or call Dave at 652-7467.

ATTN: MARILLA PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNING LAND PRESERVATION

You are likely aware that the Town of Marilla continually strives to maintain the rural atmosphere that we all cherish. It is one of the main attractions that keep our residents here, while luring others into our community. An effective tool in this goal has been the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program sponsored by New York State. Since the year 2000, Marilla has successfully protected 687 acres of farm land from the pressure of residential & commercial development through the PACE program.

In Marilla's attempt to preserve open space and maintain a rural agricultural community, we again are seeking owners of agricultural land as candidates for PACE.

A conservation easement such as PACE protects agricultural land from development by combining Federal, State, and Town money to purchase conservation easements from qualified landowners. The landowner maintains ownership of the land involved and the ability to use it as he/she has in the past. They are still able to sell or transfer ownership to another person/party. The land owner may find financial benefits through tax credits, charitable deductions, and estate tax reductions as well as the satisfaction of knowing they have secured land from development for future generations to farm and enjoy.

Conservation easements are not exclusive to agricultural acreage. Wetlands, forests, and open spaces of all types can be similarly protected through various types of conservation easements and land trusts. We would be pleased to provide you with more information about the PACE program or other conservation options. Please contact the Marilla Town Clerk's Office @ 652-5350 if you have any interest in the land conservation programs.

Sincerely, The Marilla Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)

Sincerely,
John R. Foss, Supervisor

Councilman Fred Specht
Councilman George Gertz

Councilman Barbara Spanitz
Councilman Warren Handley